

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ A device for the administration of basic active agents, particularly nicotine, to the human or animal body by ~~means of~~ inhalation, wherein said device

[[ - ]] comprises a first preparation containing at least one of a nicotine base ~~or/and~~ and another basic active agent; and

[[ - ]] ~~comprises a second or a plurality of further preparations~~ at least one additional preparation, at least one of said ~~preparations~~ at least one additional preparation containing at least one volatile acid suitable for inhalation, wherein

~~characterised in that~~ said device has a first air inlet aperture for air stream flow, a second air inlet aperture for air stream flow and an air outlet aperture, ~~such that said~~ air inlet apertures and said air outlet aperture having a conduit cross-section, wherein the air stream flowing in through the first inlet aperture predominantly flows over the said first preparation and that the air stream flowing in through the second inlet opening predominantly flows over said at least one additional preparation ~~the said second or further preparation(s)~~, the two air streams combining later in [[their]] a common flow path and escaping from the device through [[the]] said outlet aperture.

2. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that the said preparations~~ first preparation and said at least one additional preparation are applied at separate locations within the device.

3. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~or 2,~~ ~~characterised in that the said first preparation contains~~ at least one of a nicotine base ~~or/and~~ and another basic active agent in combination with at least one solvent suitable for inhalation, ~~ethanol being preferred.~~

4. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the said~~ at least one volatile acid(s) ~~is/are~~ acid is contained in the preparation in combination with at least one solvent ~~which is~~ suitable for inhalation, ~~ethanol being preferred.~~

5. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the said~~ at least one volatile inhalable acid(s) ~~is/are~~ acid is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of acetic acid, lactic acid, malic acid and propionic acid.

6. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein said device releases said ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that during the~~

~~inhalation process said device releases, on the one hand,~~ nicotine base and, ~~on the other hand,~~ said at least one volatile acid acid(s) during the inhalation process in approximately equimolar quantities from ~~[[the]]~~ said first preparation and said at least one additional preparation preparations.

7. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that during an inspiration process, which lasts from 1 to 10 ~~[[s]]~~ seconds and which reaches a velocity of inspiration of 0.1 to 1 l/min, said device releases 5 to 250 µg, ~~preferably 10 to 100 µg,~~ of said nicotine base or of another basic active agent from ~~[[the]]~~ said preparation into the inspired air.

8. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that during inhalation aerosol particles are formed in the internal space of said device during inhalation, and wherein the size of said particles ~~preferably being~~ is less than 10 µm.

9. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the said preparation and said at least one additional preparation contain preparation(s) contain(s) at least one further additive which is volatile and is suitable for inhalation, ~~preferably menthol.~~

10. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that at least one of ~~[[the]]~~ said nicotine base-containing preparation or acid(s)-containing ~~preparations~~ has preparation comprises a polymer matrix wherein the active agent or the acid(s) ~~is/are~~ are contained, ~~preferably~~ in dissolved or dispersed form.

11. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 10, wherein the polymer matrix is ~~preferably~~ based on polymers selected from the group ~~comprising consisting of~~ polyethylenes, polypropylenes, silicone polymers (polydimethylsiloxanes) and poly(meth)acrylates.

12. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein said device any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it is at least partially, ~~preferably entirely,~~ made from a material which is impermeable to the active agent(s), ~~especially from polyester material which is coated with a copolymer of acrylonitrile and methacrylate, and/or from metal foil(s) or combinations of the mentioned materials.~~

13. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that, after ~~[[its]]~~ production of said

device and during storage of said device, ~~[[it]]~~ said device is covered with a peelable protective layer which is impermeable to the basic active agent(s), ~~such that to form a~~ compartment containing the active agent(s) and a compartment containing the acid(s) ~~is formed by the peelable protective layer~~, both compartments being separated from each other in a gas-tight manner and being sealed from the ambient air.

14. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the conduit cross-sections of the air inlet apertures and of the air outlet aperture are dimensioned such that the negative differential pressure present in the oral cavity during the inspiration process is at ~~[[the]]~~ most 300 Pa, ~~preferably at the most 200 Pa.~~

15. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein said device ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it~~ comprises at least one formed part produced by deep-drawing wherein oblong recessions are provided ~~which define for defining~~ a first air supply channel and a second air supply channel, said first air supply channel and said second air supply channel being combined to form as well as an air outlet channel formed by combining these two air channels.

16. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 15, wherein said device comprises ~~characterised in that it has~~ an upper part and a bottom part, each formed by deep-drawing, ~~these two formed parts~~ said upper part and said bottom part being provided with ~~[[the]]~~ said ~~recesses~~ recessions and being connected with each other and being opposite one another in such a manner that, by means of the recesses located opposite one another, to form said ~~[[a]]~~ first air supply channel with an air inlet aperture, ~~[[and a]]~~ said second air supply channel with an air inlet aperture are formed, as well as, by combining these two air channels, and an air outlet channel with an air outlet aperture.

17. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the said first preparation is located in the oblong recess forming the first air supply channel, and ~~[[the]]~~ said second preparation is located in the oblong recess forming the second air supply channel, ~~it being preferred for the preparations to be~~ wherein said first preparation and said at least one additional preparation are applied in the vicinity of the respective air inlet opening.

18. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for the production of a device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 17]]~~, said method comprising the

following steps:

[[ -]] producing a formed part, ~~preferably~~ by deep-drawing, said formed part comprising a first oblong, concave recess for receiving ~~the said~~ a first preparation, and a second oblong, concave recess for receiving ~~a the said~~ second preparation;

[[ -]] introducing a predetermined amount of [[a]] said first preparation, containing a nicotine base or another basic active agent, into [[the]] said first recess; and

[[ -]] introducing a predetermined amount of [[a]] said second preparation, containing acid(s), into [[the]] said second recess to produce a filled formed part.

19. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 18, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the filled formed part is covered with a peelable protective layer impermeable to the basic substance(s), such that a compartment containing the active agent(s) and a compartment containing the acid(s) are formed by the peelable layer, both compartments being separated from each other in a gas-tight manner and being sealed from the ambient air.

20. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 18, ~~wherein or 19, characterised in that~~ during production of the formed part, said method further comprises forming a further oblong, concave recess ~~is formed~~ by deep-drawing which is connected with [[the]] said two other recesses and [[forms]] for forming an air outlet channel.

21. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 20, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the filled formed part is connected with a formed part serving as the upper part and having oblong recesses corresponding to those of said filled formed part, ~~so that~~ the respective, superimposed recesses forming a first air supply channel with an air inlet aperture, a second air supply channel with an air inlet opening, ~~as well as and~~ an air outlet channel with an air outlet aperture ~~are formed by the respective, superimposed recesses.~~

22. (currently amended) Use of an inhaler according to claim ~~any one of claims~~ 1 [[to 17]] for smoking cessation or for smokeless satisfaction of the craving for nicotine in cases of situational necessity.

23. (currently amended) Use of an inhaler according to claim ~~any one of claims~~ 1 [[to 17]] for simultaneous inhalation of a basic active agent and one or more volatile

acid compounds.

24. (new) The device according to claim 3, wherein said another basic active agent in combination with at least one solvent suitable for inhalation is ethanol.

25. (new) The device according to claim 4, wherein said at least one solvent suitable for inhalation is ethanol.

26. (new) The device according to claim 7, wherein said device releases 10 to 100  $\mu\text{g}$ , of said nicotine base or of another basic active agent from said preparation into the inspired air.

27. (new) The device according to claim 9, wherein said at least one further additive which is volatile and is suitable for inhalation is menthol.

28. (new) The device according to claim 12, wherein said device is entirely made from a material which is impermeable to the active agent(s).

29. (new) The device according to claim 12, wherein said material which is impermeable to the active agent(s) is a polyester material which is coated with at least one of a copolymer of acrylonitrile and methacrylate, and a metal foil(s) or a combination of the mentioned materials.

30. (new) The device according to claim 14, wherein the conduit cross-sections of the air inlet apertures and of the air outlet aperture are dimensioned such that the negative differential pressure present in the oral cavity during the inspiration process is at most 200 Pa.